**Gallatin County 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Committee Meeting**

**March 26th, 2024**

**6pm @ Extension Office**

**Attendance**

* Lee Nuss, Molly Yurdana, Annabel Morgan, Kelly Pavlik, Lea’h MacDonald, Wendy Ward, Michael Braught, Ruth Carr, Kim Flikkema, Melanie Duffin, Kyle Gavin, Shawna Oostemen, Cassie Smith, Monica Samson, Merle farrier, Gena Johnson, Rachel Colton, Shawna Taylor

**Orders of the Meeting**

* Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm
* Introduction of Guests: There were no guests

**Minutes/Financial Reports**

* Approval of Meeting Minutes: March Meeting
  + Annabelle motions to approve the March meeting minutes as written. Kim seconds. Motion passes.
* Treasurer’s Report: (Merle)
  + Balance Sheet
    - Checking: $ 71,574.15
    - CD: $ 3,764.51
    - Grand total: $ 75,338.66
      * Checks were written for AQA, Montana Embroidery, Executive Services

**Reading of Correspondence -**

**Follow up from the last meeting- The Beef Project decided to create a Heritage Breed Class- it will be a pen show. Save the dates went out. Thank you from Farm Fair**

* Extension Office Report (Molly)
  + The youth members are absent- Molly reported on AQA- sessions were in classrooms, overall went well. It was hard to know when to rotate. Most stations were taught by youth members this year. 120 kids were certified in AQA this year. Maybe next year we can have a dog/cat/ pet AQA.
  + Ready Set Spring Workshop- went well, thanks to leaders who came. So far they have heard good things
  + Last All Species workshop will be June 18th at 6:30, it is a Marketing Workshop, it will be at MSU.
  + Launched Fair Registration this week- so far so good, no technical difficulties- yet. It would be helpful if projects sent reminder emails with what to register for Fair, last day to register is June 17th.
  + Perimeter fencing will enclose barns/arenas/camping.
  + North gate will be used by the public after the concerts- the Fair Grounds would like the gates opened by 5am the day after. Lee will make sure that happens.
  + 4-H will do the set up of show rings etc.
  + Sunday tear down- panels need to be taken down/stored. We won’t have much help from the Fair Grounds.
  + ADA Parking will be along the west fence.
* Fairgrounds Report (Lee)
  + Indoor arena- 4-H will do the set up- we can start after June 8th. All the pens will be Prefer panels. Rocky Mountain Supply will be at the Fair to sell shavings/show gear.
  + Millings will fill the West Annex
  + Tents: we need something to shade the BBQ area- a 40x100 tent is 2k a day. 4-H concessions and the small animal ring will also need a tent. There was discussion but no conclusion as to how we might make this all work. Lee is going to look into it further.
  + 4-H Foundation received a donation of 5k for facilities improvement. This was used to purchase panels and panel jacks
  + Parking for Buyers- it’s really going to be tight this year. We should probably come up with a plan to have some parking for them.
  + Indoor Arena- may have to house 5 cow/calf pairs
  + Wash Rack- we will use a generator for beef/sheep fitting. Outlets in the barn will be just for fans. Knife River is donating a light plant that can be used for security and provide power for milking.
  + Photo Backdrop- the Fairgrounds is purchasing five new backdrops ones. They would like 4-H to help pay for them as they fell that we did not take good care of the backdrops.
  + Lee doesn't have a sign in for the Ultrasound Workshop- leaders please give grace when recording attendance.
* Youth Report (Piper & Maren)
  + See Extension Report (Above)

**Old Business**

* Planning for Fair 2024
  + Schedule
    - The Horse project will be showing all day Friday- ONLY horse leaders may bring their campers Thursday afternoon.
    - Camp Counselors would like to do a dance on Saturday Night- 6pm -8pm line dance and swing dance lessons.
  + Barn Layout & Tents
    - Panel Platforms- order 3 so we can move more panels farther. Foundation paid for them. We should lock our panels so they don’t get taken.
    - Tent- Lee will organize getting a 40x100 tent. Morgan Taylor and Family will help pay for smaller tents. Shawna moves to use up to $10,000 for an additional tent, if it can be reserved. Lea’h seconds the motion. Motion Passes- with one vote against.
    - Shawna will look into possible donors for tents.
  + Concessions Cafe
    - Trying to provide some sort of concessions- there is no expectation that we will make much of a profit. There is a committee that is working to try and make a concession possible. They would like to have some affordable options for 4-H families. They will use Fairgrounds Building 4 to prepare food to sell. They are trying to find a location to sell food. They will need help serving. The freezer in the concession is owned by 4-H
  + Buckles/Awards
    - If you haven’t ordered awards, they need to be ordered now.
  + BBQ
    - Daniel’s meats is coordinating with Lone Peak- FAA will do the serving- we need 6-8 kids. Ruth will do a quick foodservice lesson with them 30 minutes prior to service.
    - Ice and Drinks are secured.
  + Market Sale
    - Hats- Molly shared a proof- they look great. There is one hat per buyer.
    - Auction Baskets- Dairy, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Beef, and Goats (Market and Dairy) all agreed to participate - no alcohol or anything that is perishable.
    - Resale- beef, pig - taken care of. Bid for sheep and goats.
    - National Anthem- Lee has a verbal commitment from Roslyn Black.
    - Photographer - the Photography project leader will take photos for champions that evening. The Photography kids will be around the Fair taking photos all week.
    - Snacks for buyers during the sale- Lea’h will get them again.
  + Other
    - Processing/Contracts - Molly needs them.
    - Trucking- Lee has it covered. Molly has a hotel for the driver.
    - Showworks training- TBD
    - Security is confirmed.
* Record Book Scoring
  + Suggestions have been updated.

**New Business**

* Species updates and estimated numbers for Fair
  + Rabbits- 2 meat pens
  + Swine- 263 tagged 200-180 coming
  + Goats- 20 market- 40 dairy
  + Poultry- 400-500 34 kids, 64 pens
  + Sheep- 97
  + Beef- 114
  + Horse- N/A
  + Dog- good
  + Dairy- 10
  + FFA- good
* Species Judges
  + Species need to tell Molly needs who their judge is and how much they charge. Poultry judge cost will go up next year- possibly 1K.
* Sponsors
  + Bedding- The Moose radio is sponsoring bedding this year. If families need addadtional bedding they can purchase it on site through Rocky Mountain Supply.
* Media
  + We need to reach out to Media outlets and request advertising. Let’s offer this to the youth members and see if they will be in charge of it.
* Shuttling from Kmart
  + Do we want a shuttle? Kelly will reach out to Karst Stage to see what they charge. Kelly will reach out to the owners of the Kmart parking lot to see if we can use that as a parking spot. Discussion: run the shuttle from 2pm-12 am- Kelly will look into school buses. Ruth will check with Icedogs.
* Round Robin
  + Let Molly know who your judge is and how many passes you need.
  + The scavenger hunt questions will be used again.
  + The Dog Project would like to have dogs included in Round Robin- the committee thought this was a great idea- we are going to give it a try.

**Committee Reports**

* Market Sale
  + Have not met-

Publication

* + Save the date was sent out
* Fairbook
  + Need to update round robin

**Announcements**

* Next meeting isat the Gallatin County Extension Office on **\_Wednesday, June 19th\_@6pm\_ at the Extension Office.**
  + Record Books due: June 26, 2024
  + Record Book Interviews: July 11-12, 2024
  + 2024 Fair Dates: July 12-21
  + Sale Night: July 19, 2024

**Adjournment**

* Lea’h motions to adjourn the meeting, Annabel seconds. President Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:29 pm.